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Solar Heat Project Enters Last Stage

by Al Skolnik

Greenbelt Homes, Inc. is getting ready to have a formal ceremony marking the completion of the installation of the solar heat collectors at the four-unit building at 2 A-D Southway. The project is part of a joint effort between GHI and Goddard Space Flight Center (NASA) and was undertaken as part of the Federal Government's efforts to research and demonstrate ways to conserve energy.

The plumbing phase of the project has been taking a considerable amount of time. Fifty-six (56) solar cells on the roof had to be connected to the system. Piping consists of over 50 valves and flow control mechanisms. During the past two months, periodic interruptions were encountered because of emergencies (boiler leaks, steam tunnel leaks, etc.)

Remaining work includes installation of control hook-up and thermo-couple sensor. Goddard has the prewired control center which is mearing completion. This will be checked out after onsite installation and complete calibration. Some solar heating will be generated with the system prior to control installation and calibration.

The final effort will consist of complete insulation of the entire system, including the storage tanks. This will not be accomplished until all leaks are repaired and controls are rendered fully operational.

GHI is shooting for a Feb. 27 completion date.

Ad Hoc Panel

At its Feb 12 meeting the board decided against mailing out a copy to each member of the full report of the Ad Hoc Investigatory Panel which was set up to investigate charges brought by Martha Hutzler against the board and management. Instead. the report will be published in the next issue of the GHI Newsletter. Full copies of the report will also be available to any member at the GHI offices. The report found that Mrs. Hutzler's documentation, as well as other source documents requested by the panel from banks, auditors, and management consultants, failed to sustain any of the charges made.

The board also agreed to urge any government agencies to whom representations by Mrs. Hutzler, or other dissatisfied members have been made, to respond or declare the matter either moot or closed. Last October the Maryland Attorney General's Office washed its hands of the matter by referring it to the State's Attorney in Prince Georges County.

Other Matters

The Member Relations committee has proposed the initiation of a court captain system. One person in each court would be designated to contact newcomers and welcome them to the community.

The board is going ahead with the setting up of a 7-member Ad Hoc Committee on Financing Resales. This committee will investigate and make recommendations regarding the financing of resales following the termination of the mortgage at the end of 1977.

The board is seeking a refund of a \$1,380 deposit made on a canceled order for the ultrasonic emulsifier. The reason for the cancellation was the inaction on the part of the Tymponic Corporation since the date the order was placed in January 1975. Tymponic has not agreed to a refund and the board authorized its counsel to institute legal action.

The board authorized expenditures of \$7,388 for two pick-up trucks.

Nature Trail Proposed For GHI Woodlands

Greenbelt may have not only one self-guided Trail, but two if a proposal advanced by the Maryland Forest Service (MFS) to Greenbelt Homes, Inc. is adopted.

About two years ago GHI placed approximately 56 acres of undeveloped land in a reforestation program. This placement was made to freeze tax assessments at the then current rate. The conservation agreement calls for these open and wooded areas to be available for the use of residents.

To achieve the latter purpose, the MFS has proposed a nature trail for the 26 acres lying between Laurel Hill and Plateau, with an entrance off Ridge Road near the outfall pipe at the edge of the woodland.

The proposed trail makes some use of existing trails, but additional trails will need to be constructed to create loops. The total ground distance of the trail is approximately % mile with two loops of % mile each. A visitor could select one loop or the other. A separate small trail is visualized for school children.

GHI would be involved in the construction of the trail, the placing of signs and trail markers, the preparation and distribution of a trail brochure, and trail maintenance. Some simple bridges will be needed to cross streams, logs placed on steep inclines, wood chips placed to protect the soil, and shrubbery pruned.

Markers

Markers will be used along the trail to draw attention to botanical features. It is proposed that the markers be made of treated 4x4's or of posts from a durable wood such as locust or cedar. When placed in the ground, three feet would be covered and one foot protruded. The number of the stop would be carved on the top of the post or simply painted on.

Trail markers will also be needed at junctions to distinguish between routes.

The GHI board is expected to take up the matter at its next meeting on Thursday, February 26. In the meantime, at its Feb. 12 meeting, the board passed a resolution favoring adoption of an historical Greenbelt Trail, as proposed by the Greenbelt Bicentennial Committee. This trail would go through the western part of the city.

Garden Club News

Garden plot sign-up is scheduled for Tues, Feb. 24 for current members and all other interested gardeners, at 8 pm. Greenbelt Library meeting room. Plot and plowing fees will be announced; orders can be placed for groundstone lime and 5-10-5 fertilizer. Newly adopted regulations will be announced. After March 1, all available plots will be assigned to new members. Any unusual questions will be answered by Marilyn Fowler, 474-5698.

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF

Mon., February 23, 1976 8:00 P.M.

- I. ORGANIZATION
 - 1. Call to Order
 - 2. Rell Call
 - 3. Meditation
 Pledge of Allegiance to
 the Flag
 - Minutes of Public Hearing and Regular Meeting of February 2, 1976
 - 5. Additions to Agenda by Councilmen and Manager

II. COMMUNICATIONS

- 6. Petitions and Requests
- 7. Administrative Reports Progress Report Housing
 for the Elderly
- 8. Committee Reports

III. OLD BUSINESS

- 9. Resolution on the Development of a Metropolitan Health Planning Coordinating Mechanism Within the Metropolitan-Washington Council of Governments - Second Reading
- 10. Animal Waste Problem PRAB Report 1/76
- 11. Proposal to Establish Bicentennial Trail
- 12 Jaycee Club House Lease

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- 13. Continued Use of Garden Areas
- 14. Springhill Lake Civic Association

V. MISCELLANEOUS

NOTE: This preliminary agenda is subject to change.

Twin Pines Nominations

The Nominations and Elections Committee urgently requests the membership of Twin Pines to submit at the office names of qualified members to fill vacancies for the Board of Directors, the Member Relations Committee, and the Nominations and Elections Committee. Deadline is at close of business, Sat., Feb. 21.

Greenbelt's Library

"Fire Prevention" is the title of a display by Richard Miller and the Berwyn Heights Fire Station featured at the Greenbelt Branch Library, during the month of February. The display contains pictures of fire fighting and fire fighting techniques.

WHAT GOES ON

Men., Feb. 23, 8 p.m. City Council Meeting Municipal Building
Tues., Feb. 24, 8 p.m. Garden
Plot Sign Up, Greenbelt Li-

Wed., Feb. 25, 7:30 p.m. Public Hearing on Eleanor Roosevelt boundaries, DuVal High School Thurs., Feb. 26, 8 p.m. GHI Board Meeting, Hamilton Pl. GREENBELT SATISFIED

Roosevelt High School On Its Way At Last

by Sandra Barnes

And so it came to pass that after a combination of eight regular school board meetings and public hearings on the Eleanor Roosevelt Senior High School, a decision was finally hammered out, tortured though it may have been for those who attended the February 12 meeting of the Prince Georges County Board of Education.

Although board members James Golato and Nicholas Eny tried to limit discussion to only a technical center for Eleanor Roosevelt and having failed to get the necessary votes for this resolution, Eny then moved to adjourn the meeting, nevertheless reason prevailed and no one seconded Eny's motion.

So the 2½ hour discussion began in earnest and compromise prevailed in the form of board member Maureen Steinecke's resolution. Before presenting her plan, Steinecke implored the board to decide the controversy at this meeting.

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"Let's not have the decision made in the courts of law or in Annapolis," she stated, alluding to the numerous letters sent by the City of Greenbelt to state officials from the Governor on down as well as to members of the state Board of Education. She noted that her resolution was a compromise of her own position as well as others. "I understand the concerns of others," she said, and therefore she included a transfer proviso in her plan.

Steinecke's position to move ahead was backed by staff members including G. James Gholson, northern area superintendent, who appealed to the board to cease further argument and make a decision "tonight - to go with the comprehensive school and let us, the staff members, build up the technical component."

Resolution

The following is the Steinecker resolution which the board unanimously approved:

1. That the Eleanor Roosevelt Senior High School be opened as a comprehensive high school with fixed boundaries, in accordance with the resolution of May 26, 1975 (that schools be no less than 10% nor more than 50% black.) This was later amended by Kathleen Barker to read that Eleanor Roosevelt will open as a comprehensive/technical high school with boundaries established in the same manner as such vocational schools as Crossland and Bladensburg.

(Students attending vocational schools enter on a first-come first-served policy and must meet the transfer guidelines established by the board. In other words, no group of students from one high school can transfer to another if the racial balance will be drastically affected. Also, students from outside the regular transportation boundaries to a particular school must provide their own transportation to the school they wish to transfer into.)

2. Eleanor Roosevelt's curriculum include a strong program of technical offerings which can be expanded from year to year as the need arises.

See SCHOOL, pg. 4

ONE MORE TIME

Feb. 25 Public Hearing On Roosevelt Boundaries

by Elaine Skolnik

With the educational concept for the Eleanor Roosevelt high school finally pinned down on February 12 as a comprehensive-technical school with fixed boundaries, the only matter yet to be settled by the Prince Georges County Board of Education is that of boundaries. A public hearing will be held on attendance areas on Wednesday, February 25, at 7:30 p.m. at DuVal high school. All Greenbelt students are included in the proposed boundary plans.

On February 12, the board unanimously decided that (1) the new school will open in September 1976 as a comprehensive school with the "option of a strong program of technical offerings that can be expanded from year to year as the need arises." (2) boundaries will be fixed (for most of the school), and (3) 400 spaces (in addition to those coming from fixed attendance areas) will be reserved for students wishing to transfer to Roosevelt from other schools in accordance with present board policy on transfers.

The board will use as a basis for the public hearing on February 25 the school board staff's revised Plan II submitted on January 29. Boundaries for the school may be adjusted to include more students afer the public hearing. Therefore, notification of the hearing will be sent to parents of students from attendance areas included in Plan II, as well as to those included in the original boundary proposal.

Plan II

Under this plan. which includes all Greenbelt students, the opening enrollment in September 1976 would be 858 students, consisting of 10th and 11th graders only. (Twelfth graders will be allowed to graduate from their present schools.) In the school year 1977-78, the anticipated enrollment would be 1,190.

The 858 students attending Roosevelt would come from the following fixed attendance areas:

No.	Former	School
272	Greenbelt-Springhill Lake Apts. (all)	arkdale
161	Whitfield-Chapel Road area	DuVal
126	Glenarden Woods	DuVal
273	Area north of Capital Beltway	DuVal
26	Apts. on 85th Ave.	DuVal
	As the result of these moves, overcrowding would be relieved	at the

As the result of these moves, overcrowding would be relieved at the above schools, which, in turn, according to the staff plan, would relieve some overcrowding at other schools. For example, the staff plan calls for 79 Bowie sudents to attend DuVal and 35 to attend Largo. The staff plan also calls for 98 Largo students to attend Parkdale and 30 to attend DuVal. Only incoming 10th graders would be affected by these moves.

DuVal: Only incoming 10th graders would be affected by these moves. A comparison of enrollment before and after opening of Roosevelt as of September 1976 is given below:

2 00 000	Capacity	Projected	Anticipated	Anticipate
		enrollment	enrollment	black
	in the second second	(if Roosevelt s not opened)	after opening	
Bowie	2,380	2,950	2,836	11.0
Roosevelt	2,360		858*	31.5
DuVal	1,995	2,175	1,707	42.0
Largo	1,795	1,920	1,865	38.5
Parkdale	2.365	2.505	2.328	29.5

*Up to 400 additional students could attend Roosevelt from other schools under present transfer system.

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Please Get The Facts

o the Editor:

I have been patient regarding Mrs. Viola Keer's public comments in The Greenbelt News Review, which I consider to be derogatory about Greenbelt Homes, Incorporated. However, her latest Letter to the Editor prompts me to ask her if she contacted GHI about its policy for repurchasing units before she wrote her letter. Had she done some research, she would have found that repurchasing of any units by GHI was not the start of a scheme to get high-rise rezoning in GHI.

Before putting pen to paper, Mrs. Keer, I would suggest you put your fingers to the phone dial and gather some facts.

Stephen Polaschik

St. Hugh's CYO Team Awards Night

On Fri., Feb. 20, St. Hugh's will hold an athletic team awards night for all members of all athletic teams for 1975. Members of St. Hugh's parish who attend St. Hugh's or other schools and were members of the CYO baseball, basketball, track and cross-country teams, boys and girls, during 1975 will be guests; others will be charged a nominal fee for refreshments. The program starts at 6:30 p.m. at Grenoble Hall.

Postal Consumer Protection Week

"The week of February 23-28 has been designated as Postal Consumer Protection Week to emphasize the importance of consumer protection and inform the public of its availability to users of the mail," Postmaster Emory A. Harman said recently.

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Lion's Night at Centre

Proceeds from ticket sales for Washington Bullets-Atlanta Hawks game on Sat., Feb. 21, at the Capital Centre will go to the Lions' Eye Bank. For ticket information call Chairman Henry Fisher at 474-1817.

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Metro COG Study

in the midst of its own re-evaluation of the Metro rapid rail system, County Council endorsed on Feb. 10 a totally independent appraisel of the system's financial feasibility and potential deficits by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments. Proposed by Councilman Francois upon his inauguration as COG chairman, the study will be the first independent regional evaluation commissioned since the concept of a fixed rail system was approved eight years ago. COG's Board of Directors on Feb. 11 voted to initiate a 30-day financial analysis of Metro's cost and a potential deficit as the study's first phase. A staff-prepared work program had called for a nine-month study focusing on whether the remainder of the 98-mile system should be built. Fortytwo miles of track already have been constructed. The most current estimates put Metro's total construction cost at \$4.65 billion.

Faced with increasing citizen opposition to the alignment and spiraling cost estimates, County Council has been rethinking its own commitment to a Greenbelt or E route in northern Prince Georges County. The Council is expected to decide in a preliminary voting session this week whether it wants detailed plans prepared on one or more possible alignments. After preparation of general plans, the Council still would have the option of whether or not to construct a Metro line in the Greenbelt corri-

Calvert Mansion Tours

Tours of the historical Calvert Mansion in Riverdale will be held on Sat. Feb. 21, beginning at 10 a.m. Admission is free and tours will be scheduled on a first-come, first-serve basis. Tour reservations must be made in advance by calling Elliott Carlsen at 345-8876.

The Calvert Mansion, or "Riversdale" as it was once known, was constructed in 1802. For four generations this stately old mansion served as the homestead of the Calvert family, direct descendants of Cecilius, second Lord Baltimore and founder of the Maryland Col-

The mansion is located at 4811 Riverdale Road and is presently used for the offices of the Prince George's County Delegation.

Protests Ouster Penalty

For GHI Dissidents

to the Editor:

Reserving judgment on the report of the Ad Hoc Investigatory panel since I have not read it in its entirety, I cannot ignore the implications of that recommendation which suggests that complaining members should be given the "option" of selling their Mutual Ownership Contracts to GHI. It is my understanding that this is implicit in membership; indeed, for those of us in the "new" townhouses, it is a requirement. What the committee means, I think, but does not state, is that membership termination should be a penalty for members whose continuing dissatisfactions are sufficiently vocal to create discomfort for the Board of Directors and/or a substantial por-

I am quite sure that a majority of the panel (at least all of those whom I know personally) are advocates of the democratic principle of free speech and inquiry upon which both our nation and our cooperative depend for growth and Harmony, comfort functioning. and stability are qualities we all appreciate, but I will not have at the price of arbitrary strictures on my fellow members' activities, especially when those activities concern matters of economics and administrative integrity which affect us all.

tion of the membership.

Elizabeth F. Allen

Parent Discussion Group

The next meeting of the Greenbelt Parent Discussion Group will be held Wed., Feb. 25, 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the Greenbelt Baptist Church (Hillside and Crescent). The discussion topic will be "One Woman, Three Roles: Wife, Mother, and Individual." Refreshments will be served and babysitting will be provided. All are welcome.

G. H. I. MEMBERS

The full report of the Ad Hoc Investigating Panel (including all supporting documents) concerning the allegations made by Mrs. Hutzler is available for perusal at the administrative offices on Hamilton Place during regular office hours (Monday thru Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)

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Elaine Skolnik - 474-6060

James Cantwell, 1 Greentree, was named to the Dean's List for the fall semester at Mount Saint Mary's College in Emmitsburg, Md. To qualify a student must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 out of a possible 4.0.

Dr. Howard Laster, 3 Lakeside, professor and former chairman of the Department of Physics and Astronomy at the University of Maryland, has been appointed by the American Association of Physics Teachers to a position on the Association's committee on International Education in Physics. Dr. Laster is currently completing a one-year leave-of-absence with the National Science Foundation and will serve on the committee for three years. He has been a faculty member of the university since 1956.

Airman Richard K. Reshew, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Reshew, 213 Lakeside, graduated from the U.S. Air Force diet therapy specialist course conducted by the Air Training Command at Sheppard Air Force Base in Texas. He has been assigned to Castle Air Force Base in California.

Dr. Gerald Hanberry of Greenbelt was recently appointed by the Prince Georges Community College to the position of director of community resources development and special programs. Previously, Hanberry spent a year in the Peace Corps.

Greenbelter Joseph Lepanto was nominated by Congreswoman Gladys Noon Spellman for consideration to attend the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. Final selections will be made in April.

Greenbelters were sad to hear of the death of Mrs. Bette Renner, 7940 Lakecrest. Our deepest sympathy to her daughter Candy of the home address.

Congratulations to Robert Bruce, Pinecrest, who was recently awarded an \$800 scholarship from the Ira T. Byram Trust. Named by the Prince Georges County Asociation of School Administrators and Supervisors, Robert is a sophomore at

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence W. Hill, 7946 Lakecrest, have adopted a baby girl. Her name is Rebecca.

Don't forget to save your newspapers and magazines. Have them ready for pick-up on Wednesdays or Thursdays depending on the day your refuse is usually collected. The city is paid \$14 a ton – you can help add to the city's treasury!

Named to the Dean's List at Frostburg State College were three students from Greenbelt: Daniel Richard Cassels, 125 Northway; John Grant Jenkins, 109 White Birch Ct.; Rita Ann Porter, 2 Forestway.

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Teen Topics
A Teen Dance is scheduled for Sat., Feb. 21, from 8-11 p.m. Sounds will be provided by a popular local band performing at the Ridge Road Center. The next teen ski trip is scheduled to Ski Liberty, Sat. evening, Feb. 28. Rgistration is on a first-come, first-served basis. Nominal fees will be charged for both teen activities. Check the bulletin boards at both centers for further information.

Women's Softball

There will be an organizational meeting of all women, 18 and over, interested in playing or coaching softball this summer. The meeting will be held in the Youth Center Conference Room on Wed., Feb. 25, 8 p.m.

Theatre Guild Auditions

The Grenoble Theatre Guild will hold auditions for Clifford Odets' "The Flowering Peach" on Feb. 19-20 from 7-10 p.m. The auditions will be held at St. Hugh's School, 145 Crescent Rd. Interested persons should bring a resume and a photograph, if possible. For more information call 561-5780.

Apt. Tax Hearing

The County Affairs Committee of the Prince Georges County delegation in the House of Delegates will hold a public hearing Sat., Feb. 21, at 10 a.m. on three tax bills requested by County Executive Winfield Kelly, Jr., in the auditorium of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission in Riverdale.

The three measures, requested to offset in part a projected deficit in the County budget for the next fiscal year, would: (1) authorize the County government to continue the apartment occupancy tax for another year, (2) allow the County to impose a "bottle tax" on non-reusable beverage containers and (3) advance the date on which ordinary taxes (property taxes) in Prince Georges County are due and payable.

Persons desiring to testify may register upon arrival. It would be helpful if witnesses could bring along a written copy of their views for each of the seven members of the committee, plus three extras.

In Greenbelt Nat'l Park

Nature Hikes
Sat., Feb. 21, 1 p.m. — Campground entrance station
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Steinecke pointed out, "Let's begin a program, and then build on it." Superintendent Carl Hassel also reminded the board that a school cannot be staffed until there is an indication of interest by virtue of advanced sign-up. "We can't employ teachers without students." Dr. Allen Chotiner, central area superintendent, noted that in order for students to take high level science and math courses, they must have the required prerequisites in junior high school. This type of program will take years to build up.

3. 400 (originally 200 in the Steinecke resoultion) spaces be reserved for students wanting to transfer in, in accordance with present board policy on transfers. (Students may transfer in to either the comprehensive or technical component following regular pro-

cedures.)

4. The boundaries for Eleanor Roosevelt Senior High will be tentatively those in Plan II of the Superintendent's revised proposal of January 29, 1976. (This means that some 858 10th and 11th grade students presently attending DuVal, and Parkdale including Greenbelt students would be scheduled to attend Eleanor Roosevelt next year.)

5. Another public hearing will be held, (on February 25) after proper notification of citizens included in the Superintendent's original boundary proposal. The Eleanor Roosevelt boundary may be adjusted to include more students after that public hearing.

The meeting ended at 10:30 p.m. Eleanor Roosevelt school concept was the only item discussed on a long agenda. But both the board and the audience breathed a sigh of relief, packed up and went

Reaction

After the meeting the Greenbelt city council and civic leaders expressed their general satisfaction with the outcome. The city had taken the position that the school should open in September 1976 as a comprehensive school with fixed boundaries with an eventual technical component. The council was especially opposed to open enrollment.

Public pressure had been building up on the school board all week to resolve the issue. Newspaper accounts of the previous meeting of Jan. 29 appearing in the Washington Post and the Prince George's Sentinel were unflattering to the board's policy-making abilities.

Members of the State delegation to Annapolis expressed their concern. Del Gerard Devlin wrote:

"I share the deep concern of the elected government of the City of Greenbelt, civil leaders and virtually all of the citizens of that city about three dire consequences which seem just over the horizon: "a. tipping of the racial balance

in several schools; "b. the cost of open enrollment

"c. the chaos which will inevi-

tably result from the continuation of a "no policy" attitude on the part of the school board."

State Senator Edward T. Conroy urged the board "to make a final determination tonight as to who shall attend Roosevelt High School. At the very least, final boundaries around the comprehensive portion of Roosevelt need to be decided, so the staff will have time to prepare for a smooth opening.

Delegate Leo Green reiterated his plea for opening the school on schedule in September and Delegate Lorraine M. Sheehan, reminding the board that she has been a supporter of board's policies, explained her difficult position: "We cannot say that we must give local boards more autonomy over construction of schools if a brand new school will not open because of the board's inability to make a decision."

County councilman Frank P. Casula also urged the school board to "bite the bullet." "Further delays," he cautioned, "invariably complicate the situation." He saw a need to open Roosevelt High as a comprehensive high school with fixed boundaries. "What a shame," he commented, "if the school were not ready to open its doors in September." County councilman Francis B. Francois expressed similar sentiments.

Greenbelt Views

Muriel Weidenfeld, chairman of Greenbelt Citizens for Eleanor Roosevelt, urged the board to rise above any parochial views. "It is understandable," she said, "that board members who are elected, as you are, from districts are under pressure to take a parochial view. Nevertheless, your combined responsibility is to administer the system as a whole and to act to insure the best interests of education for the entire county."

Another civic group to push hard for pinning down the concept of Eleanor Roosevelt was the Greenbelt Center School PTA. "The Board must consider all the students in Prince George's County and open this new school on time, with fixed boundaries, and with a strong comprehensive program. . Other concepts for the school, whether they be curriculum or student population, are not possible at this late date without irreparable damage to those students who will certainly attend the school . . Many other schools in the county . benefit from Roosevelt's prompt opening. But Roosevelt must open with a clear, well-planned concept and a sufficent population. The quality of its education cannot be compromised by unclear, unplanned, untested concepts which are now being thrust into its iden-

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